

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1893.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1840 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Senator Butler says he is in hopes the next Congress will impose an income tax. So are we.

Attorney General Townsend has decided that unless a young man is twenty-one years old before the beginning of the fiscal year, November 1st, he is not liable to pay poll tax for the ensuing fiscal year. He has also decided that the widow of a Confederate soldier who has re-married, is not entitled to a pension from the State even though her second husband be dead.

J. Erson Davis' remains have been removed from New Orleans to their final resting place in Richmond, Va. The solemn pageant and the loving reception the remains of the Confederate chieftain received at every stopping place, shows that the people of the South hold dear the heroes and the principles of the Lost Cause. It would seem that principles so tenaciously clung to will yet win the victory, even though it be a peaceful one.

At every fire since the water works have been completed the water has been uselessly wasted. It is a matter of little importance when the fire, a insignificant and only one, occurs during the night, but it may happen at any time that one fire will follow another, after the water in the stand pipe has been exhausted. There is reason in all things and there is no use in turning on a flood when a few buckets of water in the right place will serve the purpose.

The report is going the rounds rounds round that an agreement has been reached concerning the South Carolina Federal patronage, and that it will be divided out between Tillmanites and Conservatives as follows: J. P. Hunter (Reformer), of Lancaster, for Marshall; W. Perry Murphy (Conservative), of Colleton County, for District Attorney, B. F. Perry (Reformer), of Greenville for Collector of Internal Revenue; George D. Bryan (Conservative) of Charleston, for Collector of the Port at Charleston.

Rev. E. O. Watson, Grand Chief Templar I. O. G. T., who is known throughout this country as a zealous and fearless servant of God, delivered a lecture on the Dispensary Law in Florence last Wednesday evening. He ridiculed the law with facts and argument. He said that the law tended to effect what the devil has been trying to do for years—make the liquor traffic respectable, yet retain all the evil influences and obtain all the evil results. He said the devil would be delighted; and that the dispensary would prove to be the same old whiskey devil dressed up in the State's uniform with big brass buttons and a sword, instead of being ornamented with horns and a tail. He also said that a prominent Tillmanite, who attended the recent conference at the Governor's Mansion, told him that the purpose of the conference was to discuss the dispensary law, and that it was agreed to call an extra session of the Legislature and pass an amendment to the act, repealing the section leaving the establishment of dispensaries in the hands of the freehold voters of the various cities and towns, should they refuse to petition for the establishment of dispensaries, and place this power in the hands of the Governor. Mr. Watson is now being assailed with abuse and vituperation by Tillman's henchmen but it is nothing more than to be expected, for such has been the treatment of every man who has had the courage to expose the hypocrisy of any of the acts of the gang of time-serverers now using the machinery of State to further their own interests.

A DISPENSARY ASSURED

Sumter will have a dispensary, and while we still oppose the whole scheme as a humbug, conceived in duplicity and to be carried out as a money-making scheme, we accept the inevitable. It is now merely a question of men, and it behooves the people of Sumter to select the best man for the place.

Mr. W. B. Epperson who announced himself a candidate only a few days since has already secured the signatures of a majority of the freeholders; and we are told that Mr. Peter Thomas also claims to have a majority. Under such circumstances continued opposition is useless.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

Laurens Advertiser: Those who were in Columbia last week had an opportunity of observing the governor engaged in what appears of late to be his chosen profession, taking charge of a dispensary or liquor business.

Orangeburg Times and Democrat: If every leader on the other side would exhibit as much common sense as Congressman Bawley, the two wings of the Democratic party in South Carolina would soon come together.

Piedmont Herald: It is said that the anti are groaning ex-President Chamberlain as their candidate for governor in 1894. With that rape-endorsing platform, on which he could stand, it would be a very suitable combination, and as strong a one as they can well make. [Larry Gautt holds his own as the champion. Who believes a word of the above.]

Newberry Observer: The "Conservative" democracy is the true democracy of the State. They are removed from the "Straightshots" on the one hand and the "Oscillates" on the other. They are true to the State democracy by having voted always with it, although not agreeing with it; and true to the National democracy by having both voted and agreed with it.

Prosperity Reporter: The anti element, which is responsible for the club barrooms in this State and polled a majority against prohibition in the few counties that it controlled, is fighting the dispensary law. The dispensary law knocks out the club barrooms, and that is where the shoe pinches. [Oh! truth, how art thou perverted. Sumter is controlled by the conservatives and she gave a majority in favor of prohibition.]

Union Times: Nothing has been more apparent to us, in the political schedule of this State, than the existence in Columbia of one of the most heartless and arbitrary rings that ever ruthlessly deceived and controlled an honest and confiding people. The evidences that such a ring does exist have dropped out conspicuously whenever any prominent member of the so-called Reform party dare to act contrary to or independent of the dictates of Tillman and Irby and the fourteen lesser lights who are begging so piteously to the dear people for food for their organs.

Newberry Herald and News: The *Sumter Watchman and Southron*, in view of the decision of the Supreme Court that town property is to be assessed for taxation, wants to know, unless specially mentioned as exempt, if county property ought not to be assessed for State taxation. Certainly, it would seem so, if in the town it ought to be taxed for town purposes. Why not, when it is not specifically exempt by the words of the Statute.

Newberry Observer: We don't propose to stultify ourselves any more by taking the trouble to vote in an election that has already been practically decided and that is wrongfully called a "Democratic Primary." We are not anxious to vote anyway. Any sort of officers will suit us. We have no favors to ask of any of them, and we care very little who gets the offices. Our position is this: Having been true to the Democratic party at all times, and being a white man, we don't propose longer to be treated as the Republicans and negroes are treated without protest. We don't intend to take part in any more Democratic primaries unless all Democrats stand on the same footing and one Democrat is regarded as good as another Democrat. We shall simply let the whole thing alone. And we advise everyone else who is treated as a negro to do the same and let the political ringsters run things to suit themselves. If they can stand it, we can.

Columbia Journal: We think the Dispensary law so infamous a disregard of the sacred rights of our people; so humiliating to the dignity of our State; so unjust to our citizens in putting their own State in the position of a powerful and crushing competitor; so foreign to the high and holy inspiration and feeling of free America; so inimical to the thought and feeling of South Carolinians, who have always felt that their State was their mother, ready at all times to redress their wrongs, protect their rights and punish their persecutors—this feeling is ruthlessly crushed out of our people, and the State of South Carolina enters into a business and, with the power of the General Assembly, puts her loyal citizens to confusion and practically confiscates their property and totally and tyrannically disregards their sacred rights.

This infamous paternalism has not a single feature of prohibition. We mean the prohibition generally applied to the sale of liquor. Prohibition is regulated by recognized and lawful police powers, and though itself unbusinesslike and regardless of individual freedom, has not the unfair, unlawful and paternal features of the Dispensary law.

Aiken Journal and Review: The thinking masses of the whole country view with extreme solicitude the threatened Butler-Tillman senatorial campaign in South Carolina in 1894. At home any man not stricken by hopeless obliquity of vision must already see that the effect of such a contest upon the material interests, the moral sentiment and the social status of the State must be superlatively paralyzing, degrading and deplorable. It is further to be assumed that the successful candidate in such a scramble would have no more influence on public affairs at the national capital than if he were a wooden puppet manipulated by a string. He could do nothing more effective than his election would imply that he should do, and that would be to prod the wounds of the defeated faction at home and to keep alive a never-dying flame of hatred among the people of South Carolina. Unless the people of this State wish to pinpoint before the civilization of the nineteenth century a sorry spectacle of the least capable of self-control or civil government, then we shall trust to see them peremptorily call a halt on the anarchism of the contemplated senatorial campaign by retiring in advance both ensanguined candidates.

Carolina Spartan: It is generally reported that Senator Butler and Governor Tillman will make a race for the Senate. The Legislature elected in 1894, will select Senator Butler's successor. It is said that the canvass will be a hand-to-hand fight. This can be brought about only in two ways, so far as we can see. First let there be an agreement to have a State primary and let the majority of votes decide the matter. That would leave the candidates for the General Assembly to run on general principles. That would also have the appearance of ruling out a third candidate. The members of the Legislature, who are entrusted with the business of selecting a suitable man for that office would have no voice in the matter except to confirm the vote of the people. The other plan would be for two sets of candidates to run for the General Assembly; one, the Butler candidate, the other, the Tillman man. That would not be a fair test for half of the Senators hold over and one of these might be for Butler when the county was for Tillman. Then that plan narrows the choice down to two men, both of whom might be objectionable to many honest voters. Take it anyway you please, the condition is not a healthy one.

Georgetown Times, (Josiah Doar, editor): Old Ben Tillman black-listed the editor of this paper long ago, and declares that our friend Congdon is the only one down here he would trust. Well, the captain is all right, and is as good a friend to us as Ben used to be. The Governor "cussed a blue streak" in speaking to a friend about us, and said that he never failed to read *The Times*; that we seemed to take a peculiar pleasure in republishing every article denouncing him, and declared that he would not contest this country any longer with the Antis. All of which is a source of great satisfaction to us. We tied on to the Dictator with hooks of steel, and he deliberately slaughtered us at the first opportunity. Now that he admits our strength in this country by turning it over to "his friends the enemy," when we refuse to back him any longer or give him any aid or assistance whatever, is glory enough for one day. We hope to contribute not a little of our time and energy to compass this defeat; at least, we will be found trying.

Newberry Herald and News: Our contemporary, *The Observer*, has a very good article in its last issue on the injustice and evils of the caucus system adopted by one faction in our politics in this State. What it says on this subject is all very true. The caucus plan is a great wrong. But what good will it do to say "because you treat me thus I will have nothing more to do with you," unless you desire to be free to do as you please at the general election. The only privilege we have

left under the present plan of running the machine is to vote, and that we expect to continue to do until they deny us that right also, and we do not think they will undertake that. We believe the people will, after awhile, see the injustice of this caucus business, and see how wrong it is to so treat their friends. And they will put a stop to it. We sometimes think that those who engage in the caucus do not fully realize the great wrong it is to their friends. Of course it is to the interest of the leaders to keep them blinded, and for the past three years almost everything has been run on the plane of prejudice and passion, but this sort of thing cannot last always. There will be an awakening after awhile, and it will be terrible—like an army with banners to the forefront leaders who have been deceiving the people with unfulfilled promises and pledges.

B. & L. Settlement.
The stockholders of the Sumter Building and Loan Association met on last Friday evening to receive the report of the committee appointed to formulate a plan by which the affairs of the association could be wound up.

The subject report was submitted and adopted without a dissenting vote, therefore the association will be brought to a satisfactory culmination.

SUMTER, S. C., May 26, 1893.
To the Stockholders of the Sumter Building and Loan Association of Sumter, S. C.:
GENTLEMEN: The undersigned committee appointed by your President pursuant to the resolution adopted by you at your last meeting, to devise some plan whereby the operations of the association may be wound up as soon as possible, upon a fair and equitable basis, beg leave to report.

That they have met together and deliberated earnestly upon the very serious and complex duty imposed upon them by the resolution.
Your committee was confronted at the outset by the fact that no scheme for a settlement could possibly be devised which would affect all stockholders equally and alike, for the reason that some stockholders had borrowed the funds of the Association on the premium plan, some had borrowed on the discount plan, and others had not borrowed at all. We were confronted by the further fact that of those who had borrowed on the premium plan, some had borrowed at the same time, some having taken their advances as far back as five years, others seven years, others six, five, four years and so on. Nor did they borrow at the same rate of discount; some having paid as high as 55 per cent, some 50 per cent, 45 per cent, 40 per cent, 35 per cent, and so on down to 25 per cent; so that no two members of the Association have ever paid back the same amount of money for the interest and premium on their loans.

When the stockholders of the Association ceased to purchase the money at the regular monthly meetings, and the same could not be sold for want of bidders, and it became necessary to lend out these funds in order to render them productive, then the same inequality became to exist amongst those who borrowed on the discount plan who two members borrowed at the same time, some of them made their loans as far back as five years ago, some four years, others three, two and one years and so on down to thirty days since. Nor did these borrow at the same rate of discount; some paid 10 per cent, some 9 per cent, others 8 per cent, and some 7 per cent; so that no two members of the Association have ever paid back the same amount of money for the interest and premium on their loans.

Again: Some of these discount borrowers have already paid the discount on their loans up to January 1, 1894, while many of them did not pay until October, November and December. Whilst, lastly, a number of the stockholders have never borrowed at all, but have been paying up their assessments regularly for the past eight years, and so far have received nothing in return.

In making these loans on the discount plan, after the members had ceased to bid for the money at the monthly meetings, the Board of Directors seem to have followed the same terms and provisions of the original Act of Incorporation and the Amendments to the constitution, adopted at the annual meeting of shareholders in June, 1888, as provided by the terms of the original constitution.

By the terms of the act of the Legislature the Association was chartered for the period of 10 years from January 13, 1884, and its corporate existence expires therefore on January 13, 1894, until which time the corporation can exercise all of its powers and franchises. It seems, therefore, that there are seven months more—June to December, both inclusive—in which all members can be required to pay in their monthly dues; those who have borrowed on the premium plan paying \$14.00 per share for the entire seven months, and those not borrowing, paying \$7.00 per share for the entire seven months.

Inasmuch, however, as there seems to be a general desire to wind up the affairs of the Association as soon as possible; and inasmuch as it appears impossible by reason of the complications hereinbefore referred to, to deal with each case separately; and in our effort to reconcile as far as possible the conflicting interests of the parties concerned, your committee recommends that so soon as each borrower who has borrowed on the premium plan shall pay into the treasury, in addition to any arrears now due by him, the sum of \$7.00 per share instead of \$14.00 per share, that thereupon the Association shall satisfy and surrender their bonds and mortgages, and release them, and all other members, from all future payments.

Your committee is painfully conscious of the fact that the foregoing scheme of settlement is necessarily unequal. Because where a borrower on the premium plan at 25 per cent, four years ago received in cash \$150.00 and only pays back, including the \$7.00 above mentioned, the aggregate sum of \$151.00, so that such borrower will have paid only \$1.00 for the use of \$150 for four years; but where the borrower paid a higher rate of premium and for a longer time, the reverse is true.

Your committee desires to call your attention to the fact that, if the above settlement is carried out, the non-borrower will not receive \$153.85 per share as mentioned in the last annual report of your secret and treasurer, but will only get about \$136 per share, even if no losses are made in collecting in the large amount of outstanding loans.

Imported as the foregoing recommendations necessarily are, yet if they effect a final settlement of our affairs, it will have resulted in many members of the Association, hitherto without homes of their own, having bought and paid for the same at a moderate cost and in small payments. And the other members of the Association will have accumulated their small savings through a period of years with a fair return of interest on the same.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD D. LEE,
B. G. PIERSON,
BARTOW WALSH,
H. C. MOSE,
NEIL O'DONNELL,
R. A. BRAND, per R. D. Lee.

WANTS.
ADVERTISEMENTS of five lines or less will be inserted under this head for 25 cents per line. Additional lines 5 cents per line.

Imp. O. R. M.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL OF POCAHONTAS TRIBE, No. 16, will not be held this week. A stated Council will be held on Tomorrow's Eve, at the usual hour.
Attest: B. C. WALLACE, C. of R.
May 31, '93.

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BEST OF INVESTMENTS.

Life Assurance issued by a Company

of the great financial strength of the

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE

SOCIETY of the United States, when

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W. J. RODDEY, MANAGER,

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

CLERK AND TREASURER'S OFFICE,

SUMTER, S. C., May 30, 1893.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The date for filing bids for Building City

Hall is extended to 21st day of JUNE prox-

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LICENSE ON DOGS.

All Owners and Keepers of DOGS in the CITY OF SUMTER are hereby notified that on and after the 10th day of JUNE, proximo, all Dogs running at large on streets without a Collar and Badge, and without a proper Muzzle, securely fastened, will be taken up, and that the Ordinance in relation to same will be strictly enforced after that date. Collars and Badges at this Office.

By order of Council. C. M. HURST, Clerk and Treasurer.

NOTICE.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the firm name of R. A. Farwell & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual agreement.

ISAAC SCHWARTZ, R. A. FARWELL.

HALL TO RENT.

THE HALL HERETOFORE OCCUPIED by the Masons and other societies, and now leased by the Red Men, will be rented except on Wednesday night, for the purpose of holding a meeting.

D. ROSENDOFF, Ch'm Hall Committee.

ATTENTION, COTTON GINNERS!

I AM PREPARED, with the best appliances so far known to renovate Gin Saw Teeth, Stripped and Broken Teeth cut with stamp and die, Short and Misshapen Teeth rounded and straightened, and all defective file gummer, and all teeth pointed with Duplex filer, making the round or needle point.

Eleven years experience warrants me in guaranteeing satisfaction.

Telegraph and P. O. address, St. Charles, Sumter County, S. C.

J. MERRICK REID.

Livery, Feed and Dray Stable

WE desire to state that we are now better prepared than ever to furnish first-class Livery and Dray.

Thankful for patronage in the past, which has exceeded our most sanguine expectations, we hope by close personal attention to merit a continuance of same.

Hauling of all kinds solicited. Your's to please, W. J. HERRON & CO.

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The genius who invented the "Fifteen" Puzzle, "Pigs in Clover" and many others has invented a brand new one, which is going to be the greatest on record. There is fun, instruction and entertainment in it. The old and learned will find as much mystery in it as the young and unsophisticated. This great puzzle is the property of the New York Press Club, for whom it was invented by Samuel Loyd, the great puzzle solver. It is the only puzzle of the kind in the world, and it is the only puzzle that can be solved in ten minutes. It is the only puzzle that can be solved in ten minutes. It is the only puzzle that can be solved in ten minutes.

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FOR RENT—A two-story house in Harvin Street. Apply at Ducker & Balmann's.

MRS. BRUNSON and daughters inform their friends and patrons that they have opened their Dressmaking and Millinery Store of Miss McDonald on Main Street. They will be pleased to serve them as usual.

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WELL! NOW!! Whether the Sun do move, or do not move, we are not here to discuss—but will leave that to our more learned friends—but we are here to say that we have a

LINE OF SHOES

that must move, and that at once.

And if PRICES and QUALITY will move them, then they will be walking—and that at once.

We have a Gents' Satin Finish Shoe, in Bals and Congress, for \$2.00, that can't be sold by any other house for less than \$2.50 to \$3.00. It's just the finest in town.

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This stock must simply be seen as a whole to be appreciated,

And the prices that are asked must be considered relative to quality before it can be understood how moderate and reasonable they are.

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Is certainly worth the consideration of careful buyers. Come in and look it over, and you will thank us for calling your attention to it.

Respectfully yours,

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May 10

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\$3.00 Hand-Sewed.
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IT IS A DUTY you owe yourself to get the best value for your money. Economize in your footwear by purchasing W. L. Douglas Shoes, which represent the best value at the prices advertised as thousands can testify. Do you wear them?

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E. H. HOLMAN.

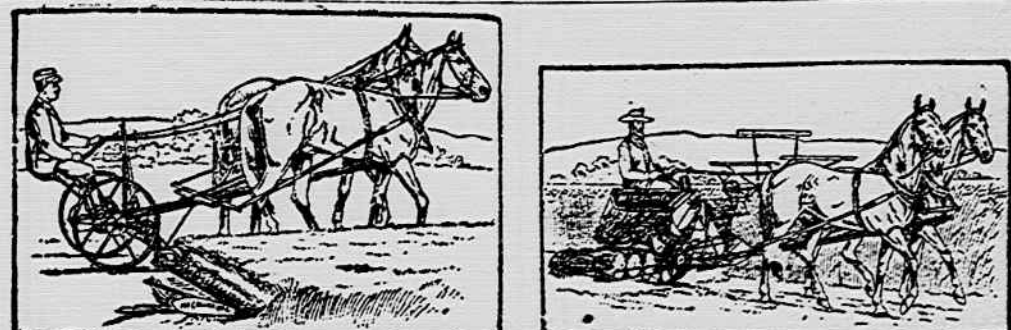
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Public Notice.

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